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THE ASTORIA IDEA.

As the second city in the State of Oregon; next, and nearest, commercially, to Portland, itself; and of right, well within the purview of the future control the marine interests of Oregon and of the Columbia Basin, Astoria claims the privilege of asserting, here and now, her real attitude in this ever-vexed problem which, for long years, has troubled the peace of both communities:

Primarily, we are not against Portland. We are as proud of her as is any lesser town in the state; we glory in her success, her growing population and wealth, and her industrial and financial expansion, and hope to see her take leading rank in the category of Pacific cities. We cannot wish her less than this, and would not if we could.

We are conscious, however, that despite our good will; despite the fact that we spend several millions annually in her marts; despite every manifestation we can, and do make, in her behalf, Portland, for some occult reason of her own, looks on Astoria with jaundiced eye, refers to us with bitterness, and in the main, makes Portland hateful to us; treats us as though we were, somehow, in her way; takes no interest in our welfare nor counts anything we do a success; devises ways and means of baffling, humbling, discrediting, and defeating us at every turn we make of our own "wheel of fortune"; larrups us viciously when we refuse to swing along with her pet schemes when they are calculated to thwart, or hamper our own designs and hopes; and generally presents an unfriendly face to us, forcing us to recognize the discouraging fact that she has no sort of use for us.

We are not without memories of the days when the Sailor Boarding House business was an important, if not altogether popular, item of the commercial melange of Astoria, and during that time, every soul connected with that business was, according to the Portland press in its daily utterance, a thief, a murderer, anything that was vile and detestable altogether, from Larry Sullivan down the gamut of its personnel; but the instant the business was transferred to, and permanently established at, Portland, the tune and terms changed on the spot and "Mr. Lawrence Sullivan" became the popular press idol and instead of a sailor boarding house thug he became the leading political boss and it took the best man in his ward to beat him by a few votes when he ran for Councilman and nothing was too good to say of the business and those concerned in it; and so it would be with the Columbia Bar pilots, if those respectable and honest Clatsop citizens were inspired to move, hence to Portland; here, they are grafters, a lazy, indifferent, and incompetent set of non-experts; there, they would rise to the quick and easy dignity of "leading citizens" and men of unparalleled accomplishment, nerve, and all the redundant excellent qualities the metropolis press holds forever on tap for those that do its bidding. This is the spirit that marks the front of Portland in all its dealings with Astoria, and these things are alluded to with an understanding born of hundreds of similar cases.

We do not want to fight Portland, nor any Portland project that means anything for the good of the state at large, however much Portland may incidentally benefit by it; we would rather work hand in hand with her on any honest proposition, and will do it if she will make it possible for us to get into harness that does not gall the Astoria back; we earnestly desire to be regarded as her friend and ally, but we balk at the post of puppet. If Portland really wants our friendly aid in building up the commerce of Oregon, via the mouth of the Columbia River, she

can get it if she will be open and above-board and use the common and useable agencies all cities employ in such enterprises; we will stand pat till Hades congeals, if she will put her proposals in black and white and send them to us through her Chamber of Commerce, and ours; if she will tell the whole people including us, what she wants, how she wants it, and when, we will do all in our power to see that she gets it, swiftly and abundantly; but it must be STRAIGHT GOODS, and hide no miserable "nigger"; and be so plain and clean that the simplest citizen shall know what it means, on sight.

This is the Astoria feeling. There is nothing in it that hurts Portland; but there is a lot in it that may be turned to her account if she will use the largess of it, and at the same time refrain from cutting an Astoria "artery" or "ham-stringing" us, somehow. Portland has done this thing, or tried to do it, so long, that Astoria is actually afraid of her, at last; almost as afraid of her as she is, and has been for ages, of Astoria. And yet we stand ready, today, to sink our fears and help her lay hers, to cease all contention and bickering, to turn a friendly, helpful, hand, and ear, to Portland and Portland's interests, just as soon as she will banish the frown, the fear, the notable and undeserved aversion, with which she has regarded us from time immemorial.

We are, happily, in just the position to do more for Portland's commerce by sea, than any other place in the commonwealth, and she knows just how to invoke our best and last energy in that direction. WILL SHE DO IT?

A FEW HOT ONES.

To the Editor:

"I notice that the Oregonian is frothing at the mouth, and threatening dire reprisals, because the Supreme Court of the State has declared the "Port of Columbia Bill" to be unconstitutional, and therefore void. I may not be thoroughly posted on that Bill, but as I understand it, the Port of Columbia Commissioners would have had the power to levy taxes on Clatsop County for the purpose of paying towage and pilotage at the mouth of the Columbia, purchasing tug boats, etc., etc., in other words, we were to be taxed to help out the O. R. & N. Company in paying to the English exporters the difference between shipping charges on PUGET SOUND and PORTLAND. The "monumental gail" of the Oregonian newspaper is actually terrifying. Where is this great country drifting to when one of our great newspapers advocates such a socialistic proposition?"

"I further notice in yesterday's editorial in the Oregonian, it still claims that there is a "pilot ring" in Astoria, when as a matter of fact there is no such ring, and the Oregonian man knows he is lying when he says so—wilful misrepresentation is lying, I believe. Astoria does not receive any benefit from the fact that the pilots (both bar and river), necessarily have to make this place their temporary headquarters, and we would make no serious objections if they should move to Chinook, Skamokawa, or Portland. No doubt the Oregonian newspaper would be satisfied if the pilots moved out of town, and the fact of their removal would not seriously embarrass us here. Why not help the Oregonian to have this done? The Oregonian formerly worked hard to have the sailor boarding house men move from Astoria to Portland, and they did so, and eventually were POLITICAL BOSSES in that great alleged seaport, and run the town for many years—waxed fat and rich, until the good people of Portland arose in their wrath and swept the corrupt Republican ring (controlled by the sailor boarding house men and backed up by the Oregonian), from power and elected Democrats in their stead.

"Astoria lost nothing by the change of residence of the sailor boarding house men. Neither would they lose anything if the pilots should move over to Chinook or Portland.

"You have the location, here at Astoria, and you will eventually come into your own and the commerce of the great growing and rich State of Oregon will not be hampered forever by the money changers, and collectors of tolls, at the present temporary terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad in Oregon.

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Burglar Suspect Turns Out to be Desperado Marion Hedgepath.

OMAHA, Sept. 5.—James Clark, who with W. P. Jackson of St. Louis, was arrested by detectives on suspicion of safe blowing, has been identified as the notorious Marion Hedgepath, who is one of the best-known criminals in the United States. The two men are held in the city prison awaiting development.

Hedgepath 15 years ago, was a member of the famous Sly-Wilson gang of safe blowers and highwaymen. Dick and Charles Wilson, the man Sly and Hedgepath robbed the Missouri Pacific train near Omaha when \$50,000 was said to have been the booty. Later they were charged with holding up another Missouri Pacific train near St. Louis and getting \$25,000.

Hedgepath and Sly were captured in Los Angeles and Wilson in Syracuse, where they killed a detective. Dick Wilson died in the electric chair and Charles is now in Sing Sing. Hedgepath and Sly went to the Missouri penitentiary for 25 years, and Hedgepath was released for aiding in suppressing a mutiny and giving valuable testimony which resulted in convicting the instigators.

MAY TAKE OFF PANAMA.

PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—After making one more trip to Portland, the steamer City of Panama will be taken off the route between here and San Francisco. Her place will be taken by one of the vessels owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company possibly the City of Puebla. At any rate, her successor will be a splendid freight and passenger boat, much superior in every particular to her predecessor.

Where to Eat.

To those who dine in hotels and restaurants the question of where to take their meals is generally a perplexing one. Good, well-cooked food served in a neat manner, is what is desired. These features can all be had at the Palace Restaurant, Commercial street, near Twelfth, where Arthur Smith, the well-known caterer, holds sway. There will be no trouble for the hungry mortal to select a dining place after eating a meal at the palace.

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